

PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING BURNED.

Earlington Public School, Soon to Commence, Turned Out of Doors.

TRAMPS STAYED THERE OVER NIGHT

House and Contents Total Loss, Except a Few Desks Were Saved.

Steps Will Be Taken at Once to Replace With a Good School Building.

Earlington's public school building burned to the ground Tuesday morning about 9:30, and the children and youths of Earlington are turned out of doors, with the time for the opening of the fall session almost upon us.

There was \$1000 insurance on the building, and nothing on the contents, which was worth perhaps \$300 to \$400. The building was worth something like \$2000.

One organ was saved, and the few desks and benches that were on the ground room floor. All of the valuable desks and properties with another organ were stored in an upper room and the fire had spread through the upper story so that nothing could be saved.

Miss Minnie Bourland, principal-elect for the coming term, was also a loser, having stored some valuable books, charts, etc. in an upper room.

There was no wind fortunately and the Christian church and the Assembly Hall with the residences of Dan M. Evans, Mrs. J. E. Moore and others were thoroughly wet and carefully watched so that no other blaze started.

The school trustees will take steps immediately toward replacing the building with a modern and convenient school house. Until this is done it is probable that the public school will be held in Assembly Hall, possibly supplemented with the Christian church, whose official members have tendered for this purpose the church building with expressions of gratitude to their townsmen who faithfully worked to protect the church.

Rev. R. M. Wheat saw a light in the school house Monday night and sent a colored boy to report to night watchman Cal Morgan. The boy did not find the watchman and the light was not investigated. Mr. Wheat was going for the doctor when he saw the light and could not give the matter further attention.

CHURCH PEOPLE ARE THANKFUL.

Official members of the Christian church are most grateful to the citizens who exerted themselves so earnestly Tuesday morning in saving the church building from damage by fire during the burning of the public school building. The Bee is authorized to announce that the church building is tendered to the City of Earlington to be used for school purposes if need, pending the erection of a new school building.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

Over Confidence is in Evidence, but Republican Leaders are Wide Awake.

Special Correspondence.

Chicago, August 22.—The political situation so far as the Republican outlook is concerned, may be sized up in one word—over-confidence. The great trouble at the present moment is that everybody nearly, and especially the Republicans, are too

busy making money, getting their crops in, earning good wages at their situations in the mills all over the country, and, in short, feeling so very contented that one who comes along to talk politics finds little encouragement. The correspondence, the clippings from the newspapers, the private communications received from leaders in various states, all indicate that this danger of overconfidence is liable to be the great one. It ought to be said, however, that the officers of the Republican National Committee are fully alive to this danger. They like to receive the reports of prosperity—and the reports also that as many millions of voters as possible, especially Republican voters, are having a very good time of it financially. But they do not allow themselves to be lulled into any feeling of false security by this. They have been looking from the drop of the hat, and that, according to all reports, is the exact condition in the East. The Republican leaders believe that they will win, but they are going to work harder and harder to bring about that consummation; and they propose to take no chances.

One of the best advertisements ever written simply said:

"No time to write advertisements—too busy selling hats."

That about expresses the present situation.

THE "PARAMOUNT" MAKER.

Expediency the Motive for the Many Changes in Issues.

Special Correspondence.

WASHINGTON, August 22.—Bryan has been identified with three "paramount" issues, to which he has with all due solemnity dedicated his life, and pledged his powers to engraft upon the national legislation of the country.

When in the Fifty-second Congress, nine years ago, he was an ardent champion of free trade, in a speech, long and brilliant, he declared that "a protective tariff was conceived in greed and fashioned in iniquity, false in economy and the most vicious political principle that ever cursed this country." Yet a protective tariff bill was passed by the first Congress and approved by Washington. Bryan further declared that he would fight the protective system as long as there was anything to remedy. The struggle between protection and free trade went against him. The people repudiated free trade and Bryan dropped it. It was not wise to "paramount" free trade when it would not make votes.

Four years ago, realizing that he must "paramount" something else, he took up silver and worked it with all the force of his eloquence. That in turn was repudiated by the people and dropped by Bryan. All his wild prophecies have been proven to be false by the prosperous facts of recent experience.

This year, he concluded to let free trade alone, touch lightly on free silver and "paramount" imperialism, and he is working it in the same prophetic promising, reckless fashion. In opposing protection he denounced Washington, in advocating free silver he ran counter to all financial experience, in opposing expansion he reflects on Jefferson. After a few more campaigns he may possibly get into line and strike something that is right, but at present there is a big dent in the public confidence as to the accuracy of his prophetic powers and as to his leaderlike ability.

THE FALSE PROPHET OF 1896

Summary of Disasters Predicted by William J. Bryan During the Campaign of 1896, as Found in His Book, Entitled "The First Battle."

If the prophecies and predictions made by Mr. Bryan had proven to be true, the gold standard, which has been in operation ever since he uttered them, would have produced the following direful results, to-wit:

It would have increased the purchasing power of the gold dollar.—(Madison Square Garden speech.)

It would have been as certain to make prices fall as a stone is to fall when it is thrown into the air.—(Mewton, Iowa, speech.)

It would have increased the debt of the people and lessened their ability to pay them.—(Baltimore speech.)

It would have made times harder and harder.—(Same speech.)

It would have starved everybody except the money-changers and the money-owners.—(New Haven, Conn., speech.)

It would have transferred the bread which one man earns to

ability of savings banks to collect their assets.—(Same speech.)

It would have increased the danger of depositors losing their deposits in savings banks.—(Madison Square Garden speech.)

It would have compelled depositors in savings banks to withdraw their deposits to pay living expenses.—(Same speech.)

It would have lessened the salaries of those engaged in business occupations and would have lessened the permanency of such salaries.—(Same speech.)

It would have injured those who have permanent investments in railroad stocks and other like enterprise.—(Same speech.)

It would have injured or destroyed the manufacturers of agricultural implements, wagons and buggies.—(Springfield, Ohio, and Flint, Mich., speeches.)

It would have lessened the ability of the masses to buy goods and thereby would have lessened the number of commercial traveling men.—(Indianapolis speech to traveling men.)

It would have made it impossible for husbands and wives to pay off mortgages on their homes.—(Minneapolis, Minn., speech to ladies.)



"Hello, central! I want to talk to the American workingman." "He's at work and very busy, Mr. Bryan. Ring off, please."—New York Herald.

another man who had not earned it.—(Hartford, Conn., speech.)

It would have made the rich richer and the poor poorer.—(Newark, Ohio, speech.)

It would have decreased the number who are happy and increased the number who are in distress.—(Same speech.)

It would have destroyed the hope of the toiling masses.—(Minneapolis, Minn., speech.)

It would have destroyed the opportunity of work.—(Same speech.)

It would have increased the number of idle men.—(Same speech.)

It would have decreased the volume of standard money.—(Same speech.)

It would have encouraged the hoarding of money.—(Hornesville N. Y., speech.)

It would have made it more and more difficult for the farmer to live.—(Madison Square Garden speech.)

It would have injured the wage-earner.—(Same speech.)

It would have made employment less certain.—(Same speech.)

It would have discouraged enterprise.—(Same speech.)

It would have paralyzed industry.—(Same speech.)

It would have lessened the

It would have made it necessary to advocate the closing up of our public schools.—(Monmouth Ill., speech.)

It would have made it more profitable to loan money or to hoard it than to invest it in enterprise or property.—(Syracuse, N. Y., speech.)

It would have made dearer money, cheaper property, harder times, more people out of work, more people destitute, more people desperate, more crime.—(Minneapolis speech to ladies.)

It would have lowered the standard of civilization in this country.—(Madison Square Garden speech.)

It would have been writing the future in blood, crushed out by gold.—(Erie, Penn., speech.)

All these prophecies and predictions about the evils that would befall us if the gold standard were adopted have utterly failed.

Mr. Bryan said in a speech delivered at Lincoln, Neb., July 7, 1900:

"The fight this year will be to carry out the sentiment of that song we have so often repeated, 'My Country 'tis of Thee.' If we lose, our children and our children's children will not succeed to the spirit of that song, and

celebrations of the Fourth of July will pass away, for the spirit of empire will be upon us."

PASS THE SALT, PLEASE.

WEBSTER COUNTY REPUBLICAN CLUB.

Organized at Poole With Sixty Members and Adopt Resolutions.

Hon. E. G. Seebree to Address the Club at an Early Date.

Poole, Ky., Aug. 18, 1900.—The Republicans of Webster County, of Wamamaker voting precinct met Saturday night Aug. 19, 1900 and organized the McKinley Republican Club of Poole, Ky., of sixty members and elected M. D. Thornberry, Chairman, E. W. Thornberry, Secretary, L. C. Stephens, P. R. Thornberry and Thomas Knawls committee on resolutions. The following resolutions were reported by said committee and adopted:

First—Resolved, That we the Republicans of Webster County, Ky., at Poole, organize a club which shall be known as the McKinley Republican Club.

Second—We pledge our fidelity to the G. O. P. and do hereby pledge our support to McKinley and Roosevelt, our standard bearers, believing as we do, that the prosperity of our country is due to Republican principles enacted into law. We shall use all honorable means for the success of the principles.

Third—We indorse the administration of President McKinley as being honorable and denounce any attempt to pull Old Glory down from over territories acquired as the result of the Spanish American war.

Fourth—We declare for civil liberty and an honest election law to the end that the people shall rule, and pledge ourselves to the support of John W. Yerkes and those principles so dear to us.

Fifth—We must emphatically denounce the usurpers at Frankfort, who are holding on to stolen goods, and are posing as in favor of a non-partisan election law. If since resign your position and refer them back to the "Great Common People."

Sixth—We denounce the assassination of Wm. Goebel and believe the assassin should be punished commensurate to the crime, but we also denounce the persecution of innocent men for political effect or for hope of pecuniary gain.

Hon. E. G. Seebree, the Republican candidate for the Congressional nomination, has accepted an invitation to address this club at an early date.

Grand Populist Rally in Second District.

There will be a grand rally of the Populists of the Second Congressional district at Seebree, Ky., on Sept. 3, 1900. Hon. Ignatious Donnelly, Populist candidate for vice president, Hon. A. H. Cardin, Populist candidate for governor and other distinguished gentlemen will address the audience. We the committeemen of the Second district hereby issue a call for a mass convention to be held at 1 o'clock that day, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Congress. This will be the grandest rally of Populists ever held in the Second district. There will be special rates on all railroads.

W. P. STEVENS, } State Committee.
J. B. HOLLAND, }
J. D. JOHNSTON, }

First Aid.

Chas. McFadden was the first to offer a contribution toward a new school building which was destroyed by fire Tuesday morning. Charlie is always liberal and public spirited and he was heard to say before the fire was over that he would contribute a weeks labor of his own and his boy's in painting the new structure which must replace the one burned.

Kicked by a Horse.

We are informed that Frank Oldham, who lives near this town, was kicked and quite painfully hurt in Madisonville Tuesday by a horse. The wound is not a dangerous one and Frank will soon be out again.

Are you a subscriber to THE BEE? You should be.

MASS CONVENTION.

Republican County Committee. Ordered to be Held at Madisonville.

AT COURT HOUSE SEPTEMBER 8.

To Send Delegates to District Convention to Nominate Candidate for Congress.

At a meeting of the County Republican Committee, held at Madisonville yesterday afternoon to determine the manner of holding a county convention to send delegates to the district convention at Henderson on September 11, the committee, by a vote of twelve to eight ordered the calling of a mass convention at Madisonville on September 8th.

Following is the call:

OFFICIAL CALL.

In pursuance of the direction of the Second District Congressional Committee, at a meeting of the County Republican Committee held at Madisonville August 22, pursuant to a call, a mass convention of the Republicans of Hopkins County was ordered and is hereby called to be held at the Court House in Madisonville on Saturday September 8th, 1900 at 1:30 p. m. as indicated by the District Committee for the purpose of sending delegates to a District Convention of Second District of Kentucky to be held at Henderson September 11, 1900 for the purpose of nominating a candidate for congress from this District.

(Signed.) JNO. B. HARVEY, Chairman.
CHAS. COWELL, Secretary.

Madisonville, Ky., Aug. 21, 1900.

SQUIRE SISK ACTING CORONER.

Jury in the Case of Jim Offutt's Death a Verdict.

Squire Sisk, acting coroner, nearest magistrate, as the coroner was out of reach, was called last Sunday night to hold inquest over the body of James Offutt, colored, who was shot on the baseball grounds in this place early that evening by Lee Cozart while both were acting as peace officers.

FOLLOWING IS THE VERDICT.

We, the jury, find that the dead body now before us is that of James Offutt, of Hopkins county, Ky., who was killed on the evening of the 19th day of August 1900, about 6:30 o'clock p. m. at the baseball grounds at Earlington, being shot in the head, the ball entering lower part of jaw and ranging upwards towards back of head, by Lee Cozart, and the following witnesses were present, but took no part in the shooting:

Chas. Burden, Chas. Fitzpatrick, Ben Fitzpatrick, Adam Garrett, Sell McNicholas, Will Williams, Bunk Marshal, Joe Fulkner, E. L. Rascoe, Loomis Nelson, Lonnie Davis.

Signed by the jury, Lee Oldham, Ben W. Robinson, J. B. Lindell, Geo. Alexander, Wm. Hines, and Thos. Earl.

In response to the cry of murder! murder! which proceeded from the office of Mercer & Mercer, Friday afternoon, those who were in that vicinity rushed upstairs and found Mr. Jule Mercer on top of his father, beating him unmercifully. Young Mercer was arrested and taken before Police Judge Bell, and his bond for his appearance was fixed at \$500. The cause of the trouble is not known, though it is said that young Mercer stated that his father had been interfering with his business in some way.—Hopkinsville Independent.

Miss Alice Carroll has returned to her home in Nashville, after a pleasant stay with her friend, Miss Carrie Lee Atkinson, of this city.

Daisy Photos 25c. per dozen at J. S. Toy's gallery, Earlington, Ky..